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LCO No. 4737



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY
LOCATIONS AND EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than July 1, 2024, each local
2 and regional board of education shall conduct a test of the drinking
3 water supply locations and equipment in each school building or school
4 facility under the jurisdiction of the board, and shall provide the results
5 of such test to the Department of Education, Department of Public
6 Health and Department of Administrative Services. Nothing in this
7 section shall be construed to prevent a local director of public health
8 from conducting the test of the drinking water supply in such school
9 buildings or school facilities for a local or regional board of education.
10 If such test reveals that the drinking water supply locations or
11 equipment of such school building or school facility is inadequate or
12 fails to meet water quality standards established by the Department of
13 Public Health, then a local or regional board of education shall be
14 eligible to apply for a school building project grant under chapter 173 of
15 the general statutes to remediate any problems revealed by such test.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-283 of the general statutes is
 17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 18 *2023*):

19 (b) Notwithstanding the application date requirements of this
 20 section, at any time within the limit of available grant authorization and
 21 within the limit of appropriated funds, the Commissioner of
 22 Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of
 23 Education, may approve applications for grants and make payments for
 24 such grants, for any of the following reasons: (A) To assist school
 25 building projects to remedy damage from fire and catastrophe, (B) to
 26 correct safety, health and other code violations, (C) to replace roofs,
 27 including the replacement or installation of skylights as part of the roof
 28 replacement project, (D) to remedy a certified school indoor air quality
 29 emergency, (E) to install insulation for exterior walls and attics, [or] (F)
 30 to purchase and install a limited use and limited access elevator,
 31 windows, photovoltaic panels, wind generation systems, building
 32 management systems or portable classroom buildings, provided
 33 portable classroom building projects shall not create a new facility or
 34 cause an existing facility to be modified so that the portable buildings
 35 comprise a substantial percentage of the total facility area, as
 36 determined by the commissioner, or (G) to remedy or replace drinking
 37 water supply locations or equipment, including, but not limited to,
 38 water fountains or water bottle filling stations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-283(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To require each local and regional board of education to conduct a test of drinking water supply locations and equipment for each school building or facility and to permit boards to apply for a school building project grant to remedy or replace drinking water supply locations or equipment.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]